## **REMARKS**

On February 22, 2007, Examiner Habte contacted Applicants' representative. Examiner Habte indicated that this application could be placed into condition for allowance by making certain supplemental amendments to the claims herein as they had been amended on February 5, 2007. The present Supplemental Amendment makes the claim amendments requested by the Examiner. The present amendment also makes minor corrective changes to claims 10, 18, and 22. Specifically: claim 10 is amended to conform its R<sup>7</sup> definition to that in claim 2 from which it depends (note that claim 10 is intended to differ from claim 2 only in its R<sup>8</sup> definition); claim 18 is amended to insert the term "wherein"; and claim 22 is amended to delete a specific compound. No new subject matter is introduced into the application by this Supplemental Amendment. With this Supplemental Amendment, claims 2, 8, 10, 11, 14, 15, 18, 22, 24, 28, and 33 remain in the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter this Supplemental Amendment, and to pass this application to Issue.

If there are any questions concerning the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Richard Gallagher (Reg. No. 28,781) at (703) 205-8008, to conduct an interview in order to expedite future prosecution herein.

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